

THREE THINGS MAY STILL LEAD RACE
FOR PENNANT IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Acquisition of Lajoie Makes Position of Mackmen Much More Favorable, as He Will Probably Hit Better than Collins; Athletics Will Use Young Pitchers, Thereby Displacing the Former Veterans.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The acquisition of Larry Lajoie makes it seem certain that the Athletics will be in the 1915 pennant fight all the way. Don't be surprised if they get away in the front and lead the parade to the wire, despite efforts of the dangerous Red Sox to do the overhauling stunt.

It seems to be the proper thing just now to spoof the pennant chances of the Athletics simply because Eddie Collins, Charles Bender, Eddie Plank and Jack Coombs have long been the names coupled in the lineup. But it seems that the sporting is somewhat uncalled for.

The loss of Collins seemed to be a terrific blow at first, but the purchase of Lajoie to fill his boots changes the aspect of things. Lajoie is old and he isn't as speedy as Collins. But despite his 39 years he still is as good a fielder as Collins. He can't run bases like Collins, but he will hit and he isn't as speedy as Collins. But despite his 39 years he still is as good a fielder as Collins. He can't run bases like Collins, but he will hit and he isn't as speedy as Collins.

Lajoie slumped to .258 in 1914. But he hit .306 or better in 1913 or will miss our guess. And that's just about as good as might be expected of Collins.

Will Do His Best.
Lajoie isn't through as a hitter, even though he is nearing his 40th year. He's a natural slugger and he'll do a "come back" this year. Great hitters are great hitters as long as they are able to hold a bat. During the coming season Lajoie will be working under a manager who will appreciate him and encourage him. Last year he worked under the fiery Birmingham, and he worked with a team that was torn by internal strife. He worked

J. A. BENNETT DIES
FROM PNEUMONIA

John A. Bennett, secretary of the El Paso Confectionery company, died at his home, 1811 Nevada street, Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 after an illness which had started as a severe cold and developed into pneumonia.

Mr. Bennett came to El Paso eight years ago from Holt, Okla., and has been engaged in business with the El Paso Confectionery company since that time. He was a brother-in-law of Clarence C. Eicher and was well known to El Paso business men and the public who patronized the El Paso Confectionery company.

Mr. Bennett was born in Petersburg, Ill., 52 years ago and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Bennett, who is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Carter, of 373 North Mariposa street, Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Bennett had a sister, Mrs. Clyde Tietzen, living in Phoenix, Ariz., a brother, Sandy, who lived in Holt, and a sister in Minneapolis, Minn. Besides Mrs. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Pickrell, in El Paso, Mrs. Y. Picot, his mother-in-law, survives him.

The funeral will be held Thursday evening at 10 o'clock from the family home and will be private.

COOK IS FOUND DEAD
WITH STRAP ON NECK

Thomas H. Marriott, aged 25 years, and a cook by trade, was found dead in his room at 607 Mesa avenue about 10 o'clock Tuesday night with a suit case strap around his neck and attached to the bed post.

The struggles of the man attracted the attention of other occupants of the rooming house, and they notified the police. Officers Chitwood and Breeding responded, but were too late to save the man's life.

The deceased had a card showing him to be a member of the Cooke and Walters' union in Phoenix, Ariz. He had been "at the rooming house only two days, and it is thought he was a recent arrival in El Paso from Phoenix.

FORMER SOLDIER FOUND
DEAD IN LOCAL HOTEL

Patrick Ledy, a former United States soldier, was found dead in his room at the El Paso Hotel, Overland and El Paso streets, Tuesday night.

Ledy had been an inmate of the army hospital at Fort Huachuca, N. M., and was on a leave of absence. He arrived in El Paso on December 4 and had been in the rooming house only two days, and it is thought he was a recent arrival in El Paso from Phoenix.

GIRL WHO WAS HIT BY AUTO,
HAS LEG AND RIB BROKEN

Miss Nettie Crozier, who was knocked down by an automobile Monday night while she was crossing Montana street, had her right leg broken and her ribs fractured, according to Ellis Crozier, the girl's brother, who was with her at the time of the accident.

"My sister and I had reached within a few feet of the curb when the automobile, which was going north toward the mesa, turned the corner close to the south curb. My sister was knocked down and she told me afterward that she did not hear any horn or signal, and I am sure I did not. The curtains were up on the side of the automobile nearest to us. After the accident, the man who was driving the car said that he did not see us until he struck my sister.

"The man and the woman who were in the car picked up my sister and took her to her home at 223 San Antonio street. I went to my own home on North Kansas street to phone for a doctor."

R. Crozier, father of the injured girl, who was at his home when the girl was brought there, said: "The woman who accompanied the man to the house when they brought my daughter home, told me that she was the owner of the car and said she did not know how her husband had failed to see my son and daughter, as she had seen them before they were struck. They did not give us their names.

"I then went out and got the number of the automobile, which was carrying No. 2232. As soon as the two left I called up the county clerk and found that the license number was taken out in the name of M. Burkey."

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Block Sells San Antonio Ball Team

Local Men Organize For Purchase

By F. W. MOSEBACH.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 26.—Baseball surprises came thick and fast here the past week, but the blue ribbon event was the sale of the Block company, owned by capitalists and business men, headed by Harry J. Benson, a prominent real estate man of this city and associated with the late Charles G. Gates. This, following on the heels of the signing of George O. Leidy, as Broncho chieftain, caught the fans before they had fully recovered from the joyful effects produced by the stroke of diplomacy of the Broncho boss in bringing back Cap Leidy after a two-year separation, during which both the fortunes of Block and Leidy suffered.

This come back of Cap Leidy was a master stroke he had made and forever hold Morris Block in grateful remembrance, and it may be said it was the signing of Leidy that hastened the deal for the sale of the Block company.

The company has been organized and chartered, with a capital stock of \$30,000, and will start the 1915 season with the Venetian prospects of the most successful baseball year in the history of San Antonio. Cap Leidy has his coat off and is at work rounding up the 1915 Nags, with indications that by the time he is through he will have a lineup that will bid fair to repeat his pennant achievement.

PHOENIX PLAYER TO GET
TRYOUT IN COAST LEAGUE

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 26.—Joe Sonolich, better known as Smiley, a local Mexican youth who has been the star pitcher of several semiprofessional baseball teams, is to have a tryout with the Venetian team of the Pacific Coast league, in the spring. "Smiley" has gone to Ray to work as a miner and play winter ball, preparatory to his effort to break into fast company.

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"Big Chief" Meyers Was Kidnaped

Was Taken To College; Couldn't Learn

LBUQUE, N. M., Jan. 26.—

How "Chief" Meyers came to be the star catcher of the New York Giants instead of spending his days roping steers, catching baskets and trying to dodge bad whisky, was told today by an old timer—which doesn't mean so old as it would back east. It was all due to Ralph Glaze and a little shanghaiing party in which he was the principal genius.

Way back in 1908 Ralph happened into this town, just at the time there was an athletic carnival in progress. The feature was a game between two all-star baseball teams, in which Meyers loomed large. The big savage was then still so aboriginal in appearance that he threw a scare into any tenderfoot that happened his way. But he could certainly catch—this was the conclusion of Glaze and a few other old Dartmouth men with him.

Now in those days any male person who could play football or baseball was considered eligible and desirable as a college freshman. Glaze asked Meyers to go east to school with him, but Meyers was very suspicious, even hostile. Fearing that he might scare him clear off the reservation, Glaze did not press the matter, but told him to join the Jeffries, who had unimpaired the ball game, he being the only person in the west courageous enough to tackle the job.

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